

ELBA'S GREATEST
ASSET AND HER UN-
USUAL OP'RTUNITY

I wish to say a few words to the citizens of Elba concerning what I think is Elba's greatest asset and what is, in fact, a great opportunity for the citizens of this community.

Elba is located at the intersection of three streams with fertile lands in the flats near each stream and on all these streams. Flowing wells may be had in the northern section of the county at about 100 feet of depth, while in the southern section of the county it is necessary to go about 400 feet to get a good flow. At Elba we get a good flow at about 350 feet. We have already found that a flowing well may be had on either side of either stream, provided you do not get out of what we call the "flowing" zone.

Successful farming depends on three main elements, to-wit: labor, fertilizer and water. We have a way to get the labor in this section, we have water at times for making crops. Labor is cheap, fertilizer is available at what some think reasonable prices, so the only thing we are deficient in is a good, dependable supply of water. Elba and her surrounding low lands may be supplied with an abundant supply of water by the use of flowing wells.

The only remaining thing for us to do is to realize our opportunities and go to work.

There are thousands of acres of level lands up and down our streams in Coffee County, and each acre of this land can be made to blossom like the rose. How long are we going to overlook this great asset? Why should any of us be poor? With this great opportunity at our door, Elba should be the wealthiest town in the State of Alabama, and it will be, if we will only get to work and use what nature has given us.

The citizens of the City of Elba should purchase a complete well drilling rig and should furnish it free to any man who lives in or near the territory if he desires to dig a well. The only cost to the farmer would be the salary of a well driller, the wages of a few hands to do the work and the gas and oil bill. In this way the farmer should be able to get a good well complete for about \$35.00. If he lives North of town, he should have at least ten thousand wells in Coffee County to be used for irrigation purposes.

About ten acres to the man would be enough land for irrigation. He would need about 100 acres of cheap hilly land and branch land for a pasture. He could raise livestock on the cheap land, save the fertilizer and get rich on his ten-acre farm.

One acre in Dent corn matured the first week in June should bring the grower more than \$200. One acre in turnips planted about July 1st should bring at least \$300. One acre in tomatoes matured in the last days of September and the first days of October could bring as high as \$1,000. One acre of strawberries might bring as much as \$200. One acre in string beans would bring you \$200. Two acres of highly fertilized corn, well watered, would make from 200 to 300 bushels and would be all that a two-horse farmer would need. One acre in sugar cane could be made to produce more than 500 gallons of syrup. One acre in sorghum would make more feed than your whole neighborhood would need. Just a few dollars to put the well down and just a little work getting the land ready to irrigate is all that you need. Are we going to sit idly by and not use this great asset?

We might not be able to compete with Florida on early crops, but we could certainly shine on fall crops. Then there is the canning business. We could grow early crops to use in canning and then make late crops for the market. If this thing was done well

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Wives Of Elba Lions
Organize New Club

The Elba Lions Club at its regular meeting on last Thursday night at the office of the Alabama Utilities Company, had as guests for the evening their wives. "Ladies' night" is a regular feature for the local club, one night every quarter being designated for their entertainment. These meetings are always very interesting and entertaining, and last Thursday's was no exception.

Leon R. L. Cooper, who was recently elected President of the club, and other new officers formally assumed their new duties at this meeting.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the organization of a new club which will be composed of the wives of the Lions. Mrs. Clyde English was elected President, Mrs. Kate Hayes, Vice-President, and Mrs. Ada May, Secretary-Treasurer. Program Committee: Mrs. Nell Cooper, Mrs. Ella Jeter and Mrs. Ada May.

We do not know just what official designation has been given the new club, but we understand that the members will cooperate in every way with the local club in carrying out all plans and projects for the betterment of the City of Elba and the community in general. The Lions Club is always active in promoting worthwhile enterprises for the City, and now that it has the backing of the ladies, greater things will no doubt be accomplished.

Announcement was also made that the new club will entertain the Lions at a picnic or luncheon at the Elba Pool on next Thursday evening. Wives of all members are expected to join in to make the meeting a success.

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STRONG LOUISVILLE
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Local baseball fans were treated to a stupendous feat of their favorite sport this week, the home team playing three games in two days with the strong all-star team from Louisville—one game Monday and a double-header Tuesday.

The visitors won Monday's game by the one-sided score of 7 to 4. It was a case of too much "Steel-Arm" Whigham, pitcher-deliverer from Elba, who had the Elba hitters at his mercy with the exception of Byrd Mitchell and Howell Mitchell. Some of the string out of the defeat by landing on one of Whigham's cannonball slugs for a regular Roblin wallop to deep center, good for a round-trip "Burr" Comer, who on a previous occasion had belted a prodigious homerun of the delivery of "Steel-Arm" Whigham.

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The third annual Alabama Press Institute will be held at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, August 13 and 14. Like the two former press institutes, it will be a cooperative project by the Alabama Press Association and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

In announcing the institute Dr. Bradford Knapp, president of Auburn, extended an invitation to every newspaper man and woman in the state to attend. The college will serve as host, the program being arranged and conducted by the editors.

As president of the Press Association, Mary B. Darnall, editor of The Florence Herald, has selected Dr. Florence Herald, who will act as an institute committee which is at work on plans and program. Forney G. Stephens, editor of The Southern Democrat, Ocala, is chairman of the committee and the other members are N. C. Clay of Birmingham and F. O. Davis of Auburn.

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We are informed that work will be started within the next ten days on a large building to be located on the lot between the two main tracks adjoining the J. L. Morrow & Sons' warehouse, which will house a modern peanut shelling plant with three shellers, having a capacity of about thirty tons daily. It is expected that the new plant will be in readiness to handle the coming peanut crop, which is said to be estimated at something like twenty per cent greater than last year, from an average standpoint.

The peanut industry is receiving more than usual attention this year throughout the peanut-growing sections of the South. The organization of the Alabama-Peanut Growers Association, of which Dr. W. C. Braxwell is president, is expected to do a great deal toward stimulating a demand for this important product, thus affording a better market at improved prices. With two large and modern shelling plants, and with the well prepared to take care of the needs along this line.

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Capturing Alligators Is
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While his listeners shuddered, Mann casually related in Dothan how the 26 alligators were dragged from a hole under a bank at Cooper Bay, placed in a truck and hauled to this city.

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"But I got a rope around her snappings jaws, threw her on my back and hoisted the alligator into the truck."

The smaller alligators didn't give much trouble, Mann said, in explaining regret that the large male alligator and two or three young ones escaped. Mann said he intended to go back and try to capture the remaining alligators.

New Birmingham Daily
To Begin Publication

BIRMINGHAM, June 27.—Huntley H. Colson, former editor of The Abbeville Independent, announced that The Birmingham Independent, a morning newspaper of which he will be editor and business manager, will begin publication daily and Sunday, July 5.

Colson, who is the independent campaign of former Senator J. Thomas Helin and Hugh A. Locke in the general election last year, said reports that the paper would be a "Tom Helin newspaper" were untrue. The Independent will be dry edited, he said.

Dr. Robert L. Wyatt of Birmingham will be advertising and circulation manager of The Independent and Robert Kinney, formerly of Selma, will be news editor.

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Two meetings are to be held in Coffee County on Wednesday, July 8. One at Enterprise is the morning at 9:30 and the other at Elba in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All farmers who are interested in the peanut marketing association are urged to be present at these meetings.

Schedule of other meetings follows: Henry, Tuesday, July 7; Coffee, Wednesday, July 8; Geneva, Friday, July 10; Houston, Saturday, July 11; Jackson County, Fla., Monday, July 13; Crenshaw, Tuesday, July 14; Dale, Wednesday, July 15; Pike, Thursday, July 16; Barbour, Friday, July 17.

These meetings are being called to discuss with growers the purpose and plans of the newly organized peanut marketing association, which, according to Dr. Braxwell, has attracted much attention in the peanut growing counties where producers are dissatisfied with the present system of marketing.

A. E. Gibson, representative of the Federal Farm Board, will discuss peanut marketing problems at the meetings. Dr. Braxwell said that Mr. Gibson is promoting organizations of the peanut industry in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, which states produce about 85 per cent of the American crop.

Another speaker at the meetings will be G. W. Ray, former State agent and now extension marketing specialist, with headquarters in Montgomery. Mr. Ray states that 17 per cent of the peanut crop of the United States is produced in Alabama, and that this crop was worth \$6,500,000 in 1931. Nearly 40 per cent of the Alabama crop, most of which is grown in 10 Southeast Alabama counties, is marketed through buyers, producing the celebrated "peanut pork" that has proven to be of superior flavor, Mr. Ray said.

Intention to plant indicates 40 per cent increase in the acreage planted to peanuts in 1931," Mr. Ray continued. "Because of this fact growers are becoming interested in efforts to improve marketing facilities. The 40 per cent harvested go largely into peanut butter and candies."

Officers and directors of the peanut association are, in addition to Dr. Braxwell, W. B. Penner, Greenwood, Ala., first vice-president; C. Wood, Abbeville, second vice-president; J. O. Delaney, Ozark, secretary; D. F. Seale, Dothan, treasurer, and directors Joe Penick, Hartford, A. D. Jackson, Cleveland, and E. Deal, Farm Bureau, Montgomery.

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New Officers Are Elected
At Eastern Star Meeting

On last Friday, June 26th, the annual meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star was held, when several matters of importance were discussed and planned. The regular routine business was carried out, after which the following officers were elected and appointed: Miss Evelyn Alford, Worthy Matron; J. W. Maddox, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Corrie Bryant, Associate Matron; T. H. Deal, Associated Patron; Miss Sallie Collier, Secretary; Miss Debora Blocker, Treasurer; Mrs. Rena Mae Collier, Conductress; Miss Effie Blair, Associate Conductress.

The newly-elected Worthy Matron, appointed the following members to their respective stations: Rev. Jas. C. Dixon, Chaplain; Mrs. Robin Miller, Marshall; Mrs. Nell Johnson, Organist; Mrs. Katherine Mullins, Adah; Mrs. Gertie Folson, Ruth; Mrs. Mamie Hennessey, Esther; Mrs. Estelle Wilkerson, Martha; Mrs. George Mathis, Electa; Mrs. Minnie Lee Clark, Warden; Gordon Mathis, Sentinel; Mrs. Minnie Lee Dixon, Publicity Secretary.

Mrs. Gertie Folson, the retiring Worthy Matron, has served in this capacity for two consecutive years and has been untiring in her efforts to promote the cause and as a token of love and esteem from the Chapter Mrs. Alford presented her with a lovely box of stationery. She accepted the gift in a fitting manner.

Our newly elected Worthy Matron begs for the support of all members that she may do her best to carry on the work. All members present pledged their full support.

SALLIE COLLIER, Sec'y.

U. S. AID IN FLOOD
PROTECTION MOVE
NOT RECOMMENDED

Citizens of Elba and Geneva who have been striving for the past two years to obtain government aid for some kind of protection for these cities and the territory surrounding by the prevention of the river from overflowing, have been notified by the division engineer of the War Department stationed at New Orleans that the report on the recent survey made by government engineers is unfavorable to the giving of federal aid in any project of protection.

The principal ground upon which the adverse conclusions are based is that as the benefits resulting from improvements to minimize flood damage would be almost entirely local, federal participation in the work would not be warranted.

Privilege of an appeal from these conclusions is given to any interested parties who can take the matter to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C. Any appeal must be filed within four weeks from June 25, according to the notice sent out.

Elba Club Girls Held Annual
Encampment Here Last Wk

The Elba Club girls representing the different clubs of the county held their annual encampment here last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The camp was located just East of the Elba Pool, on the old Army grounds, and a total of thirty-five registered for the camp.

A very interesting and entertaining program was arranged for the three-day encampment and the girls expressed themselves as having enjoyed the entire time. One of the most interesting features was the impressive campfire ceremony when certificates and diplomas were awarded on Friday night.

All girls at the camp as well as Miss Alice Hughes, home demonstration agent, wish to thank those who made the camp possible for them and for the cooperation they received in making it a success.

Harold English will leave today (Thursday) for Hartford, where he has accepted a position with the State Highway Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Espy spent the week-end in Elba with Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Stephens.

Mrs. Corinne Curston, Mrs. Willie Michel and Hoshia Michel were visitors in Auburn last Friday. Landier Curston, who is spending summer school there, returned to Elba with them and spent the weekend.

Mrs. W. P. Boyd has returned from Birmingham where she visited Mrs. Grace White, and Montevallo, where she was a guest of her daughter, Miss Alice Boyd.

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JOHN F. BRUNSON, Agent

Miss Hazel Bonneau spent Monday in Auburn.

Mrs. D. G. Marley and Miss Kathleen Talbot visited Miss Mary Jean at Womens College in Montgomery Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Vaughn of Dothan was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Vaughn.

